



Jenifer Express- May/June 2007

Principal's Message

It looks like Spring is finally here and what a happy time it has been at Jenifer elementary! Our Math Challenge teams were very successful at the Charles County competition. Our fourth place team, with team members Salma Ansari, Bianca Boggs, Caleb Cotner, Jeffrey Davis, Kylie Green, Jasmine Herring, James Roy, William Sanguenetti and Emily Staudmeyer placed second! Our fifth grade team, with team members Bryan Dang, Donovan Hall, David Hankerson, Joshua Hart, Camrie Hendking, Kayla McCoy Armando Rivera, Emily Subocz and Megan Wysocki placed fifth! Congratulations to Mrs. Walker who coached the fourth grade team and Ms. Johnson, who coached the fifth grade team. The teams' successes are due to hard work, dedication and team work shown by students and coaches.

We had two Destination Imagination Teams that recently competed in the State tournament. Congratulations to both teams, who exhibited creativity, team work and dedication as they designed a solution to their challenge! Jenifer Team A members were Stephan Hancock, James Roy, Lazarus Sutton, Mya Westray, Michael Williams, and Xavier Williams. Jenifer Team B members were Jackson Burton, Jalen Cain, Ryan Edwards, Mehar Malik, Brianna Purnell and Mariel Santos. We are very proud of both teams!

We have many special events coming up between now and the end of the school year. You will find them on the enclosed May/June calendars. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of these special, fun events! In particular, we hope to have many families joining us to celebrate Jenifer's 20th anniversary.

20 Years of Excellence
Sunday, May 20th
2:00pm

Important Numbers & Contact Information

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When inclement weather strikes, listen to radio and television, or
call:

301-934-7410 or 301-932-6656



May 2nd - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

No Pre-K

May 28th - No School

Memorial Day

During the month of May/June we will focus on "Pride" as the character trait of the month through the Personal Responsibility Program. Talk to your child about how important it is to feel proud when he/she has done a good job. Celebration of your child's attainment of a goal will help promote pride and encourage further effort in accomplishing future goals. Stress the importance, as well, of showing school pride by participating in school spirit activities.

Counselor's Corner

By: Ms. Pijanowski

We are excited to announce that our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) team will be conducting the second annual "I Care Fair"! This will be held on Thursday, May 10th and Friday, May 11th. This event will allow students who have earned special I Care coupons to "shop" for items at the fair. Students will be able to choose books, toys, school supplies, and other assorted objects that have been donated by staff members and local businesses. Students may also wish to "shop" for Mother's Day items, as the holiday occurs the following weekend. As usual, students can earn I Care coupons by exhibiting respectful behavior at school and following the three school rules, respecting oneself, others, and the environment. Please continue to encourage your child's positive behavior at home and at school.

Media News

Mrs. Jarboe, Mrs. Ryan and Ms. Brehon

Thank you to all of our Jenifer Community for supporting such a successful Book Fair. We couldn't do it without the following people assisting us:

Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Perri, Mrs. Collinson, Mrs. Rivera and Ms. Pijanowski

This year our students have earned 2,809 Accelerated Reader Points!

Our AR Stars for the 3rd Quarter are:

1st Grade: Megan Bruce

2nd Grade: Dylan Staudmyer

3rd Grade: Charles Rawson ,

Emily Rawson

Sadiq Rose

Brianna Purnell

4th Grade: Ryan Edwards

Myles Fauntleroy

Emily Staudmyer

Christian Washington

Tiffany Horne

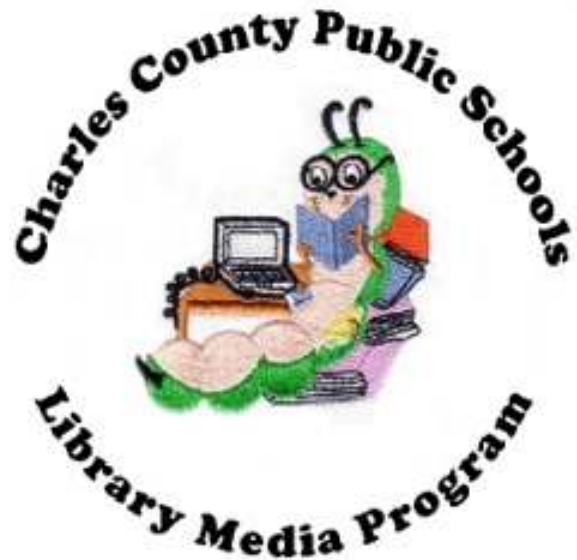
5th Grade: Donovan Hall

Joi Sullivan

****Mrs. Metz's students won the 3rd Quarter AR Reward party****

Check out our new website at

<http://www.ccboe.com/jenifer>



1st and 2nd Grade will be completing a project in the computer lab which requires an email address from each student. Look for a note in Friday folders soon.

The Library will close for the school year on May 18th. Please help us with making sure all materials are returned prior to that date.

PTA News

We hope everyone enjoyed the 20th Anniversary Dance on April 27th. It was our tribute not only to 20 great years of education at Jenifer Elementary, but also to all our servicemen and women who protect our country every day. We thank everyone who brought in donations for these brave people.

Remember that National Teacher Appreciation Week is this month. It begins Monday, May 7 and concludes Friday, May 11. PTA will be purchasing vases for each teacher, including special areas, and we are asking students to bring in a flower to put in their teacher's vase. By the end of the week, every teacher will have a beautiful floral bouquet to take home as a reminder of how special we think they are and how much we appreciate all their hard work throughout the year.

The Annual PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30pm in the media center. This is the final meeting of the school year. We will be holding elections for next year's officers. All positions are open. Anyone elected to an office must be a member of PTA. We need as many members as possible to attend this meeting so please mark it on your calendar.

As the end of the year approaches, we are preparing for our Field Day picnics. If you can help with this fun event, please contact Gretchen Collinson at 301-932-8555 for more information. We are also looking for volunteers to help with 5th grade promotion in June. We need lots of hands to help serve refreshments after the ceremony. If you can help with this momentous occasion, please contact Gretchen Collinson at the number listed above.

Card Games for Math Fact Practice

By Lisa Wehausen, Instructional Specialist



Got cards? A deck of cards is all you need to have some quality, fun, math fact practice time with your child.

For all of the games listed below, face cards are always 10 and Aces are always 1.

Addition

Split the deck so that each player has half.

When a player says go, both players turn over one card. The first player to give the correct sum wins both cards.

If there is a tie, the cards stay in the center until the next round. Whoever wins the next round wins the cards from that round and the cards from the tie. Play for 10 minutes. The person with the most cards after 10 minutes wins!

Variations:

Count Up One/Count Down One

Take turns flipping over one card at a time from alternating player piles.

The first person to say one more or one less than the card flipped wins the card.

Subtraction

When a player says go, both players turn over one card. The first player to give the **difference** wins both cards. **You must always subtract the lower card from the higher card.*

Multiplication

When a player says go, both players turn over one card. The first player to give the **product** wins both cards.

Multiplication Plus

Before you play, take one card from either player and leave it face up. This is the **add card**.

When a player says go, both players turn up one card. The first player to give the **total** (multiply both cards, then add the add card) wins both card.



DESTINATION 'IMAGINATION

Please join me in congratulating our Destination Imagination teams on their outstanding presentations at the Southern Region's tournament held March 31st at North Point High School. Jenifer had two teams participate in the "Direct Flight" challenge where they had to design and build aircraft and then launch these aircraft from a team designed and built elevator. The teams were judged on their technical design and construction, innovation and creativity, theatrical performance, and, most importantly, team work. Jenifer Team A with managers Tom Roy and Jay Sutton and team members Stefan Hancock, James Roy, Lazarus Sutton, Mya Westray, Michael Williams, and Xavier Williams took 1st place with story that described finding a lost aircraft pilot. Jenifer Team B, managed by Carol Edwards with team members Jackson Burton, Jalen Caire, Ryan Edwards, Mehar Malik, Brianna Purnell, and Mariel Santos took 3rd place. Both of these teams had the privilege of competing at the state tournament held on April 21st at Towson State University in Baltimore and did an outstanding job. Our Rising Stars team (noncompetitive) consisting of team manager Monica Grove and team members Annaliese Grove, Collins Onyeador, Kaya Shepard, Jasmine Rivera, and Kaeman Shepard presented their solution for the "Make It New, It's Up to You" challenge where they visited the landmark Hollywood sign. All teams spent many long hours and their solutions were proof.

Special thanks to Ms. Travers, Frances Britton, Richard Surdacki, and Dave Yost for being our appraisers -- we couldn't have done it without you! Same for our team managers!

Destination ImagiNation® is an innovative creative problem solving program for all children Kindergarten through College. Teams of up to 7 students are challenged to solve one of six unique Challenges with no adult assistance. Each of the five Challenges offers students an opportunity to explore engineering, architecture, drama, and improvisation. If you would like more information about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 870-6573 or yostgreen@verizon.net.

Shelly Yost, DI Sponsor